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11. (C) On December 19, Poloff and Russian Charge d'Affaires Alexey Mochulsky jointly delivered reftel demarche on the upcoming Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism plenary meeting to First Secretary Oybek Abdiev of Uzbekistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs United Nations and International Organizations Department. Mochulsky and Poloff welcomed Uzbekistan's participation and invited the Government of Uzbekistan to reach out to them with any questions. Mochulsky added that Moscow highly values Uzbekistan's views and would be especially happy if the Government of Uzbekistan participates in the upcoming meeting at a high level. Abdiev remarked that Uzbekistan is a new member of the Global Initiative. It is thus still examining the initiative and learning about it, but hopes to engage to a greater degree in Global Initiative activities in the future. Abdiev promised to deliver the diplomatic note to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and that it would be taken into consideration.

12. (C) Departing the Ministry, Mochulsky remarked to Poloff that Uzbekistan is interested in counterproliferation, and that Uzbekistan's policy is consistent with the role it had played in creating the Central Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. He added that he had heard "intriguing rumors" that Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev had recently called for a meeting of the Central Asian leaders in Astana to discuss counterproliferation matters including the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. President Karimov, he continued, had initially refused to participate, but had later changed his mind. Mochulsky asked Poloff to call him if he heard anything further about this.
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